

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1142  
By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend J.D. Elliott upon  
receiving the 2004 Crowning Achievement  
Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. J.D. Elliott who has recently received the 2004 Crowning Achievement Award which is presented by Senior Citizens, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Crowing Achievement Award is an annual award given to those community-minded individuals in the Middle Tennessee area who have contributed their leadership, time, resources, and personal energies to the benefit of charities or civic causes; the award is presented at The Crown Affair, an annual fundraising event that benefits the programs, services, and activity centers of Senior Citizens, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elliott currently serves with great acumen and alacrity as President of The Memorial Foundation, Incorporated, and in that capacity, he was instrumental in the purchase and donation of the building which is now used by the Madison Station Senior Citizen Center; and

WHEREAS, The Memorial Foundation, Inc. also provides ongoing financial support to the Madison Station Senior Center and Mr. Elliott has served as the Chair of the Center's largest fundraiser, the Madison Whistlestop; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cedar Hill, Tennessee, Mr. Elliott is a graduate of Austin Peay University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Education and of Northwestern University with a Master's degree in Hospital Administration; and

WHEREAS, a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Mr. Elliott served as President of Nashville Memorial Hospital for 26 years before beginning his illustrious tenure with The Memorial Foundation, Inc. in 1994; and

WHEREAS, also volunteering his time, talents, and many abilities to numerous other community organizations and endeavors, Mr. Elliott has served on the Board of Commissioners for the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority; the Board of Directors for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, Goodpasture Christian School, Lipscomb University, and Nashville Alliance for Public Education; the Advisory Board of Nashville Rehabilitation Hospital and Alive Hospice; and the Executive Board of Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elliott has also donated his keen leadership skills to the Madison Chamber of Commerce, Madison Rotary Club, Pro Madison, and the Madison Chapter of the American Heart Association and has formerly served as President of each of these organizations; and

WHEREAS, having been named Person of the Year by the *Madison Messenger* in addition to receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Madison Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Elliott has established himself as a highly respected member of his community and as a civic-minded citizen of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. J.D. Elliott epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Elliott for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend J.D. Elliott upon receiving the 2004 Crowning Achievement Award, salute his laudable service to the citizens of this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

